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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OEXC, SCUL, UR  
SUBJECT: MINNESOTA GALLERY DEVELOPMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 205947, (B) STATE 203284

1. REQUEST YOU PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO BARBARA SHISSLER.
2. TWENTY CRATES WILL BE IN FIRST SHIPMENT LEAVING AUGUST 16. WHEN CAO ASKED IF THEY WERE WITHIN DIMENSIONS SPECIFIED FOR NORTHWEST AIRLINES PASSENGER PLANE CARGO SPACE AND CONTAINED STATEMENTS OF AUTHENTICITY AND NON-COMMERCIAL CHARACTER, BUTROVA REPLIED (A) CRATES ARE NOT LARGE AND (B) EACH CONTAINS A STATEMENT THAT CONTENTS ARE NOT FOR SALE.
3. BUTROVA SAID THAT SHE SPOKE BY PHONE EVENING DF AUGUST 14 WITH RUSSIAN-SPEAKING REPRESENTATIVE OF EXHIBIT ORGANIZERS AND EMPHASIZED THAT MINCULT CANNOT SIGN RELEASE STATEMENT AS REQUESTED. AUGUST 15 BUTROVA REITERATED THAT MINCULT CAN STATE ONLY THAT IT WILL ADHERE TO ANY FORMULATION INGOSSTRakh AGREES TO. IF INGOSSTRakh SIGNS STATEMENT, MINCULT WILL AUTHORIZE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SIGN.
4. EMBASSY IS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH INGOSSTRakh. IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ABSENCE OF RUNOV WHO IS ON VACATION, EMBASSY IS DEALING WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INGOSSTRakh'S FOREIGN SECTION, VLADIMIR V. PORSHUKOV. PORSHUKOV HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH INGOSSTRakh'S ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF POLICY PROVIDED EXHIBIT ORGANIZERS CONTAINING OFT-CITED PARAGRAPH 4, SECTION 4. AT PORSHUKOV'S REQUEST, CAO IS SENDING LETTER WITH ENGLISH

AND RUSSIAN VERSIONS OF STATEMENT IN PARA 2, REFTEL B,  
REQUESTING INGOSSTRAKH SIGN. INGOSSTRAKH, UP TO NOW,  
INSISTS ON ADDING CAVEAT ON RESPONSIBILITY OF MUSEUMS  
AND PERSONNEL TO FINAL SENTENCE. WILL SHISSLER AND  
COMPANY ACCEPT STATEMENT AS WRITTEN BY THEM WITH  
ADDITIONAL CLAUSE QUOTE IF THESE ORGANIZATIONS OR  
PERSONALITIES ARE NOT GUILTY OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR  
PREMEDITATED ACTS UNQUOTE. TOON

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